

Order of Worship

The Path of the Disciple: Imagining a New Reality

July 23, 2023 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please fill out the red attendance pad located at the end of each pew.

** At this sign you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Fugue in G Major BWV 541

J. S. Bach

Mark Frazier, organ

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: We've come to worship God,

**People: who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.**

Leader: This is our God.

All: Let's worship together!

Hymn

Blessed Be Your Name

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be.

When we deprive others of that same opportunity,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we are reluctant to acknowledge
that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives
to see what is growing there,

People: forgive us.

Leader: O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.

People: You search us out and lay your hand upon us.

Leader: You know what we are going to say even before we speak.

People: So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected,

Leader: the lonely and the outcast,

**People: and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others,
and in the world.**

All: This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Wonderful news comes to us, dear friends. God, who is faithful and just,
who cherishes us as we are, seeks restoration and healing for those broken
places in our lives, forgives and loves us unconditionally. Receive this
good news, you are forgiven!

People: Amen!

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Shine Like the Sun

Rev. Wines

Sacrament of Baptism

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

The pastor makes the following statement to the congregation:

Siblings in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the parents:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of the world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example he may be guided
to accept God's grace for himself,
to profess his faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child
now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround this child
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God,
and be found faithful in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him,
that he may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

The pastor addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: when nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the deep waters and brought forth light.
In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.
When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples

to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and he who receives it,
to wash away his sin
and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
he may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.
**Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.**

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

God Claims You

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COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend this child to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,**

**our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The pastor addresses those baptized:

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Offering

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.
You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website
and click "Make your online offering."*

Hymn

We Sing to You, O God

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Benediction

Rev. Wines

Postlude

Praeludium in G Major BWV 541

J. S. Bach

Mark Frazier, organ

Welcome to our guest bassist, **Alex Browne**! Alex is a full time musician living in the DMV area. A native of Texas, Browne received an undergraduate degree in Jazz Performance from the University of North Texas and a Masters degree in Bass Performance from the University of Texas at Austin. He is noted for his musical versatility as well as his ability to play both upright and electric bass with fluidity and mastery. In addition to his freelance work he is a proud member of the United States Air Force Band in Washington, DC.

Prayer of Confession written by Moira Laidlaw, Liturgies Online, <https://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>.

Re-posted at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/prayer-of-confession-matthew-1324-30.html>

Prayer of the People written by Nancy C. Townley and posted on

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8282/worship-connection-july-19-2020>

"Blessed Be Your Name" words and music by Matt Redman and Beth Redman

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